THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (c) Question Perhaps refers to the 12 level crossings falling in Chennai-Egmore-Tambaram section which are being converted into Road Over Bridges/Under Bridges with cost sharing by Tamilnadu Government as conveyed by them in Oct. 1998. Provision of Road Over Bridges/Road Under Bridges in replacement of these level crossings has been taken up as part of the project of Gauge Conversion of Chennai Beach-Tambaram-Chengalpattu section, cost of which is also being shared by the State Government of Tamilnadu & Railway. Adequate funds have been made available for the project.

Supply of Wagons as per Specification G-93

4380. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU :

SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE : Will the

Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the wagon manufacturing companies supplying wagons to the Railways fulfil the provisions of Indian Railways specification G-93; and

(b) if not, the names of companies for which these specifications have been relaxed and reasons for relaxing the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH) : (a) No, Sir. As per latest Report of RDSO, only M/s. Cimmeo Ltd. and M/s. Southern Structurals fulfill the provisions of Indian Railway specification G-93 for all types of wagons including Tank wagons and M/s. HDC fulfill the provisions of G-93 for types other than tank wagons.

(b) All other wagon manufacturers including M/s. Burn Standard, M/s. Braithwaite, M/s. Jessops, M/s. Bharat Wagon, M/s. Modern Industries, M/s. Titagarh, M/s. BESCO, M/s. Texmaco etc. do not fulfill provisions of G-93 specification. Relaxation is being granted as strict insistence of compliance of G-93 specification would have debarred the above firms including several PSUs from getting orders. Moreover, total capacity of the firms complying with G-93 specification is not adequate to meet the requirement of Indian Railways.

Guideline for procuring high value items

4381. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE :

SHRI NILOTPAL BASU :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have any specific guideline for procuring high value items only through two parts bids i.e. technical and price so that price bids are not opened before fulfilling technical specification ;